

House Resolution 92

By: Representative Holmes of the 129th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Keturah Orji; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Keturah Orji, former Olympian and legendary track and field athlete from the
3 University of Georgia, has been awarded The Bowerman, an honor given annually to the top
4 male and female collegiate student-athletes in the sport of NCAA track and field; and
- 5 WHEREAS, also named the NCAA Woman of the Year for 2018, Keturah holds the
6 American and collegiate records for the indoor triple jump and the collegiate record for the
7 outdoor triple jump; and
- 8 WHEREAS, also in 2018, in the long jump, Keturah set a school record outdoors to win the
9 SEC crown and lock down her first NCAA championship, while her indoor scores in the long
10 jump contributed to the first NCAA team title for the Lady Bulldogs; and
- 11 WHEREAS, on top of being the SEC Field Athlete of the Year indoors and outdoors and the
12 league's Scholar Athlete of the Year, Keturah was named the USTFCCCA National Women's
13 Field Athlete of the Year four times, including during both seasons in 2018; and
- 14 WHEREAS, Keturah is the only woman in history to be a three-time Bowerman finalist; she
15 completed her collegiate career 31-1 overall in the triple jump and currently owns the top
16 eight indoor marks in NCAA history and the top six performances outdoors; and
- 17 WHEREAS, a former team captain for the Lady Bulldogs, Keturah served for three years on
18 the UGAAA Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC); she was a four-year attendee of
19 the Student-Athlete Leadership Academy, founding Amara's Pride in 2017, an after-school
20 mentoring program for middle school girls; and
- 21 WHEREAS, Keturah has also been recognized with many awards for her exceptional
22 academic achievements, including the 2018 SEC Women's Indoor and Outdoor Track and

23 Field Scholar-Athlete of the Year, her third honor of this kind, and the university's Joel Eaves
24 Scholar-Athlete of the Year, which is presented to the female student-athlete who has earned
25 the highest grade point average going into her senior year; and

26 WHEREAS, Keturah was a 2018 Arthur Ashe, Jr., Sports Scholar; a member of Georgia's
27 Sphinx Club Honor Society, the oldest honorary society in Georgia history; and a member
28 of the Blue Key Honor Society, whose members are committed to leadership in student life,
29 high scholastic achievement, service to others, citizenship, and adherence to principles of
30 faith; and

31 WHEREAS, Keturah received the SEC's H. Boyd McWhorter Postgraduate Scholarship,
32 presented to the conference's top male and female scholar-athletes; and she was recognized
33 three times in her college career as the USTFCCCA Indoor and Outdoor National Field
34 Scholar-Athlete of the Year; and

35 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the numerous accomplishments of this
36 exemplary athlete be recognized.

37 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
38 the members of this body recognize and commend Keturah Orji.

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
40 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
41 Keturah Orji.